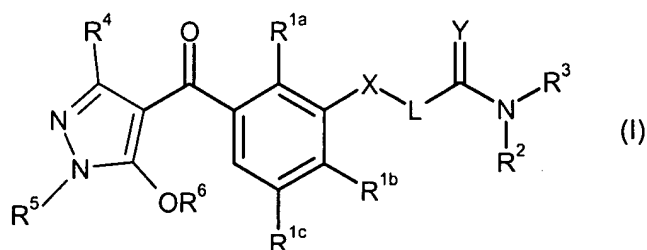


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A compound of the formula (I) or salt thereof



in which the radical and the indices have the following definitions:

X is O, S(O)_n, N-H or N-R²;

L is CH a straight chain or branched (C₄-C₆)-alkylene, (C₂-C₆)-alkenylene or (C₂-C₆)-alkynylene chain substituted by w radicals from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, and nitro and by v radicals R²;

Y is oxygen or sulfur;

R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{1c} independently are each hydrogen, mercapto, nitro, halogen, cyano, thiocyanato,

(C₁-C₆)-alkyl-CO-O, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-S(O)_n-O, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-S(O)_m, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl-S(O)_m, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl-S(O)_m, di-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl-N-SO₂, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-SO₂-NH, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-NH-CO, di-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl-N-CO, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-SO₂-[(C₁-C₆)-alkyl]amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-CO-[(C₁-C₆)-alkyl]amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-O-CH₂, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-S(O)_n-CH₂, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-NH-CH₂, 1,2,4-triazol-1-yl, 1,2,4-triazol-1-yl-CH₂;

or are each (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl-(Y)_p, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl-(Y)_p,

(C₃-C₉)-cycloalkyl-(Y)_p, (C₃-C₉)-cycloalkenyl-(Y)_p, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-(C₃-C₉)-cycloalkyl-(Y)_p or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-(C₃-C₉)-cycloalkenyl-(Y)_p each of which is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro and halogen;

~~R², R³ independently are each hydrogen, (C₄-C₆)-alkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, (C₃-C₉)-cycloalkyl, (C₃-C₉)-cycloalkenyl, (C₄-C₆)-alkyl-(C₃-C₉)-cycloalkyl, (C₄-C₆)-alkyl-(C₃-C₉)-cycloalkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl-(C₃-C₉)-cycloalkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl-(C₃-C₉)-cycloalkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl-(C₃-C₉)-cycloalkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl-(C₃-C₉)-cycloalkenyl, straight chain or branched [O-G(R⁶)₂]_w[O-G(R⁶)₂]_x-R⁶, (C₄-C₆)-alkyl-aryl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl-aryl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl-aryl, straight chain or branched [O-G(R⁶)₂]_w[O-G(R⁶)₂]_x-aryl, the last 16 of the abovementioned radicals being substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro and halogen;~~

~~or are each aryl, heterocyclyl or heteroaryl each substituted by v radicals consisting of the group of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C₄-C₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p and halo-(C₄-C₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p;~~

~~or~~

~~R² and R³ together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a pyrrole ring 5- or 6-membered saturated, partly unsaturated or fully unsaturated ring which contains n heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen and nitrogen and is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C₄-C₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p and halo-(C₄-C₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p;~~

~~or~~

~~R² and R³ together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a ring from the group consisting of benzothiazole, benzoxazole, benzopyrazole and benzopyrrole which is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C₄-C₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p and halo-(C₄-C₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p;~~

R⁴ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl or (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl, (C₃-C₉)-cycloalkyl or (C₃-C₉)-halocycloalkyl;

R^5 is (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₃-C₉)-cycloalkyl, (C₃-C₉)-halo-cycloalkyl, or is phenyl substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy and halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy;

R^6 is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkylcarbonyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylcarbonyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkylaminocarbonyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylaminocarbonyl, (C₁-C₆)-dialkylaminocarbonyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-dialkylaminocarbonyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl, or is benzyl, benzoyl, benzoylmethyl, phenoxy carbonyl or phenylsulfonyl each of which is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy and halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy;

m is 1 or 2;

n is 0, 1 or 2;

p is 0 or 1;

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

w and x independently are each 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

w and x should not both be zero at the same time.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~Y is oxygen~~ and R^{1c} is hydrogen.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

~~X is O or S(O)_n;~~

R^{1a} , R^{1b} independently are each F, Cl, Br, CH₃, CH₃S, CH₃O, CH₃SO₂, C₂H₅SO₂, CF₃CH₂SO₂, cyclopropyl-SO₂, CF₃ or NO₂;

~~R^2 , R^3 independently are each hydrogen, (C₄-C₆)-alkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, (C₃-C₉)-cycloalkyl, (C₄-C₆)-alkyl (C₃-C₉)-cycloalkyl, the last 5 radicals being substituted~~

~~by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, and halogen, or are aryl or (G₄-G₆)-alkyl-aryl, the last 2 radicals being substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (G₄-G₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p and halo-(G₄-G₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p, or R² and R³ together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a 5- or 6-membered saturated, partly unsaturated or fully unsaturated ring which contains n heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen and nitrogen and is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (G₄-G₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p and halo-(G₄-G₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p;~~

~~or~~

~~R² and R³ together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a ring from the group consisting of benzothiazole, benzoxazole, benzopyrazole and benzoypyrrole which is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (G₄-G₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p and halo-(G₄-G₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p.~~

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

~~R², R³ independently are each hydrogen or (G₄-G₆)-alkyl,~~

~~or~~

~~R² and R³ together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a ring from the group consisting of morpholine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, pyrrole, pyrazole and 2,3-dihydroindole;~~

~~R⁴ is hydrogen, methyl or cyclopropyl.~~

Claim 7 (original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

R⁶ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkylcarbonyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl, or is benzoyl or phenylsulfonyl each of which is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy and halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

~~L— is CH₂, C(CH₃)H or CH₂CH₂;~~

R^{1a}, R^{1b} independently are each Cl, Br, NO₂, CH₃, CH₃SO₂ or C₂H₅SO₂; and

~~R², R³ are each hydrogen or (C₄-C₆) alkyl;~~

R⁵ is methyl or ethyl.

Claim 9 (original): A herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidally effective amount of at least one compound of the general formula (I) as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 10 (original): A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 9 in a mixture with formulating auxiliaries.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): A method of controlling unwanted plants, which comprises applying an effective amount of at least one compound of the general formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 to the plants or to the site of the unwanted plant growth.

Claim 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (Previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the unwanted plants are in crops of useful plants.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the useful plants are transgenic.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): A method of controlling unwanted plants, which comprises applying the herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 9 to the plants or to the site of the unwanted plant growth.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): A method of controlling unwanted plants, which comprises applying the herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 10 to the plants or to the site of the unwanted plant growth.